

## § 208.1

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### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 208.1 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part:

(a) The term *State bank* means any bank or trust company incorporated under a special or general law of a State or under a general law for the District of Columbia, any mutual savings bank (unless otherwise indicated), and any Morris Plan bank or other incorporated banking institution engaged in similar business.<sup>1</sup>

(b) The term *mutual savings bank* means a bank without capital stock transacting a savings bank business, the net earnings of which inure wholly to the benefit of its depositors after payment of obligations for any advances by its organizers, and in addition thereto includes any other banking institution the capital of which consists of weekly or other time deposits which are segregated from all other deposits and are regarded as capital stock for the purposes of taxation and the declaration of dividends.

(c) The term *Board* means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

(d) The term *board of directors* means the governing board of any institution performing the usual functions of a board of directors.

(e) The term *Federal Reserve Bank stock* includes the deposit which may be made with a Federal Reserve Bank in lieu of a subscription for stock by a

<sup>1</sup> Under the provisions of section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, national banks and banks organized under local laws, located in a dependency or insular possession or any part of the United States outside of the States of the United States and the District of Columbia are not required to become members of the Federal Reserve System but may, with the consent of the board, become members of the System. However, this Part 208 is applicable only to the admission of banks eligible for admission to membership under section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act and does not cover the admission of banks eligible under section 19 of the Act. Any bank desiring to be admitted to the System under the provisions of section 19 should communicate with the Federal Reserve Bank with which it desires to do business.

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mutual savings bank which is not permitted to purchase stock in a Federal Reserve Bank, unless otherwise indicated.

(f) The terms *capital* and *capital stock* means common stock, preferred stock and legally issued capital notes and debentures purchased by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which may be considered capital and capital stock for purposes of membership in the Federal Reserve System under the provisions of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act.

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#### § 208.2 Eligibility requirements.

(a) Under the terms of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, to be eligible for admission to membership in the Federal Reserve System:

(1) A State bank, other than a mutual savings bank, must possess capital stock and surplus which, in the judgment of the Board, are adequate in relation to the character and condition of its assets and to its existing and prospective deposit liabilities and other corporate responsibilities: *Provided*, That no bank engaged in the business of receiving deposits other than trust funds, which does not possess capital stock and surplus in an amount equal to that which would be required for the establishment of a national banking association in the place in which it is located, shall be admitted to membership unless it is, or has been, approved for deposit insurance under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

(2) A mutual savings bank must possess surplus and undivided profits not less than the amount of capital required for the organization of a national bank in the place where it is situated.

(b) The minimum capital required for the organization of a national bank, referred to hereinbefore in connection with the capital required for admission to membership in the Federal Reserve System, is as follows:

	Minimum capital
If located in a city or town with a population:	
Not exceeding 6,000 inhabitants .....	\$50,000
Exceeding 6,000 but not exceeding 50,000 inhabitants .....	100,000